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1. "Convoys of military trains carrying munitions and war materials continue to come to Rumania from northern Bukovina, which is now in Soviet hands, according to reliable information emanating from Bucharest.
2. "The trains travel by night, carrying mostly pieces of artillery, heavy armored cars, and anti-aircraft guns. The materials are loaded on the trains at Cernowitz, on the frontier and are then partly taken to various centers in Moldavia and partly over the 'back' of Palanca (of Carpathians) towards Transylvania. Such military transports have been coming into the country ever since October 14, 1950, and from that time they have been constantly increasing.
3. "Other shipments that are now continuously moving across Rumania contain materials for building railway lines with a wide Soviet gauge. Some of the shipments contain wooden beams and planks needed for the tracks. The wood comes from the forests of the Valea Trotusului in Moldavia. This is cut into the right shape and size at the saw mills of Darmanesti, Agasi, Targu Ocna, Sulta, Palanca and Comanesti and is then shipped to Soviet-held Gernautzi in Bukovina. So that the wood shipments will continue to be set regularly, the saw mills at these Rumanian centers are in operation day and night, with three working shifts. The six of them produce a total of 22,000 cubic meters of wooden beams a month. The total output is taken by the Soviet-Rumanian company, 'Sovremenn' which is in charge of its transportation.
4. "It is also reported from Bucharest that the Moldavian side of the Carpathian mountains is occupied by Soviet troops. Combined artillery and infantry maneuvers are taking place at Targu Ocna, Palanca and Bacau. Meanwhile, the Rumanian Militia is patrolling the mountains around Targu Ocna, Palanca, and Piatra Neamtz with the aim of destroying the anti-Communist partisan groups which haunt these regions.

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